

[0022] These and other features and advantages of the invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description of the invention taken together with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0023] In the drawings:

[0024] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of a medical procedure supply kit constructed in accordance with the present invention; and

[0025] **FIG. 2** is an exploded perspective view of the medical procedure supply kit of **FIG. 1**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0026] Referring now to the drawings in detail, a medical procedure supply kit constructed in accordance with the present invention is generally indicated by reference numeral **10** and used by health care providers to separate and make available medical items in sterile condition for a medical procedure having multiple stages conducted over an extended time interval of hours, days or longer periods. As is hereinafter more fully described, the medical procedure supply kit **10** provides separably connected trays which are separable for use and remain sterile until individually opened.

[0027] As illustrated in **FIGS. 1 and 2**, and by way of example, an embodiment of the supply kit **10** is shown for use in a two stage medical procedure for dialysis.

[0028] Supply kit **10** includes two compartmented trays **12, 14**. Tray **12** is adapted for containing medical supplies **16** for starting a patient on dialysis and tray **14** contains medical supplies **18** for removing a patient from dialysis. The trays, **12, 14** are separably connected to one another along a perforated edge **20** extending continuously between the two compartmented trays **12, 14**.

[0029] Each tray **12, 14** includes a compartment **22** having a bottom **24** and inside **26** walls, and a cover **28** removably sealed over the compartment containing the medical supplies **16, 18**. The compartment **22** and cover **28** are preferably made of a plastic type material and the cover is sealed over the compartment to maintain sterility of the medical supplies contained therein.

[0030] In use, a care provider separates the trays **12, 14** from one another for use in the dialysis procedure. Tray **12**, designated the 'ON' tray, may include medical supplies such as a drape, mask, sheet of labels, PVP prep pad, alcohol prep pads, needles and syringes. The tray **12** is opened to provide access to the medical supplies therein and the patient is started on dialysis after being attended to by the care provider together with the use of the medical supplies contained in the tray.

[0031] After the dialysis procedure is completed, some hours later, the care provider accesses tray **14**, designated the 'OFF' tray, and disconnects or removes the patient from the dialysis procedure. The tray **14** may include a dialysis use only label, a sheet of labels, alcohol prep pads, non-vented closed, needles, syringes and a dressing, or other items.

[0032] As can be understood the sterile medical supply kit can be used wherever medical supplies in a sterile condition

are required presently and other medical supplies are required in a sterile condition for subsequent stages of a multiple state medical procedure, hours or days later. Preferably such kits include a plurality of compartmented trays wherein the number of compartmented trays represents the spaced intervals in the medical procedure when sterile medical supplies are desired. Each compartment and tray is connected to another compartmented tray along a perforated edge extending continuously between each compartmented tray for separation by the user or care provider. Each compartmented tray can be separated from the others as its sterile medical supplies are needed in the medical procedure.

[0033] Although the invention has been described by reference to a specific embodiment, it should be understood that numerous changes may be made within the spirit and scope of the inventive concepts described. Accordingly, it is intended that the invention not be limited to the described embodiment, but that it have the full scope defined by the language of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A medical procedure supply kit comprising:

at least two compartmented trays adapted for containing medical supplies;

said trays being separably connected to one another along a perforated edge;

each said tray adapted to contain the medical supplies of one stage of a multi-stage medical procedure whereby the medical supplies for each stage are kept together and useable in stages by separating the trays along the perforated edge and opening each tray separately.

2. The medical procedure supply kit of claim 1 wherein each tray includes a compartment having a bottom and side walls and a cover removably sealed over the compartment containing medical supplies.

3. The medical procedure supply kit of claim 2 wherein said compartment and cover are made of plastic and said cover is sealed over said compartment.

4. The medical procedure supply kit of claim 1 wherein said trays maintain the medical supplies in a sterile environment.

5. A medical procedure supply kit for dialysis procedures, the kit comprising:

two compartmented trays separably connected to one another along a perforated edge;

one of said trays adapted to contain medical supplies for starting a patient on dialysis;

the other said trays adapted to contain medical supplies for removing a patient from dialysis;

whereby a care provider can separate the trays from one another and open each tray separately.

6. The medical procedure supply kit of claim 5 wherein said tray for starting dialysis comprises at least one of a drape, mask, sheet of labels, PVP prep pad, alcohol prep pads, needles and syringes.

7. The medical procedure supply kit of claim 5 wherein said tray for removing a patient from dialysis comprises at least one of a dialysis use only label, a sheet of labels, alcohol prep pads, non-vented plugs, needles, syringes and dressing.